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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the scope of practice of dental hygienists. Such task force shall
3 (1) review the scope of practice for dentists and dental hygienists, (2)
4 consider potential changes to the scope of practice for dental
5 hygienists, (3) review education, examination and training
6 requirements for dental hygienists, (4) consider potential changes to
7 such education, examination and training requirements, and (5)
8 consider the potential licensure and scope of practice for an advanced
9 dental hygiene practitioner or another mid-level dental professional.
- 10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 11 (1) One licensed dental hygienist appointed by the speaker of the
12 House of Representatives;
- 13 (2) One licensed dentist appointed by the president pro tempore of

14 the Senate;

15 (3) One representative of an institution of higher education dental
16 hygiene program appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (4) One representative of a public health facility appointed by the
19 majority leader of the Senate;

20 (5) One representative of a nursing home facility appointed by the
21 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

22 (6) One licensed physician experienced in the area of dental
23 medicine or dental surgery appointed by the minority leader of the
24 Senate;

25 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
26 designee; and

27 (8) A representative of the Connecticut State Dental Association and
28 a representative of the Connecticut Dental Hygienists' Association,
29 who shall be appointed by the Governor.

30 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
31 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
32 filled by the appointing authority.

33 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
34 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force
35 from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall
36 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
37 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

38 (e) Not later than December 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
39 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
41 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section

- 42 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
43 that it submits such report or December 1, 2014, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study the scope of practice for dental hygienists and other mid-level dental professionals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]